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1. INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUP RESUMED MEETING P.M. JULY 30. G-77 PRESSED USDEL HARD TO ACCEPT ITS FORMULA ON PREAMBULAR PARA 5, HINTING, HOWEVER, THAT IF WE TOOK "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER", IT MIGHT BE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW NON-INTERFERENCE PHRASE. PURSUANT TO THE INSTRUCTIONS OF DEPT AS THEY THEN STOOD, WE DECLINED THIS OFFER, EVEN THOUGH G-77 INDICATED THAT, IF IT WERE ACCEPTED IT COULD ALSO MEET OUR POSITION ON PREAMBULAR PARA 7

2. CONTACT GROUP THEN RECONVENED. G-77 SAID THAT IT WOULD MAINTAIN PREAMBULAR PARAS 5 AND 7 INTACT, THOUGH IT WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT TO MEET CANADIAN POSITION THAT PREAMBULAR PARA 7 WAS TOO RECTRICTIVE IN
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ITS REFERENCE MERELY TO DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION.

CANADA AND AUSTRALIA PROPOSED TO REVISE PREAMBULAR PARA 7 TO READ: "IN PARTICULAR WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAM OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION". FRG, UK AND JAPAN SAID THIS AMENDMENT NOT HELPFUL; USDEL OPPOSED IT. G-77 UNDERTOOK TO GIVE IT SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION.

3. FOLLOWING REVISED LANGUAGE

AGREED UPON FOR OPERATIVE PARA 2: "DECIDES TO KEEP THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES RELATING TO MNCS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE SUBJECT OF REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OVER THEIR ACTIVITIES, UNDER CLOSE CONSIDERATION ON A CONTINUING BASIS".

4. OPERATIVE PARA 5 REVISED BY G-77 TO MEET SOVIET DESIRE TO READ: "DECIDES IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES ACCEPTED IN THE UN, APPROPRIATE PERMANENT MACHINERY..." ETC. NO OBJECTION WAS MADE.

5. PARA. 11 (II) AS REVISED WAS BELATEDLY CHALLENGED BY G-77, WHICH CLAIMED THAT PHRASE "TO CONDUCT THEIR RELATIONS WITH MNCS" SEEMED TO PLACE MNCS ON SAME PLANE AS SOVEREIGN STATES. IT WAS AGREED TO ACCEPT "IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH MNCS" INSTEAD.

6. MISHRA (INDIA) SAID THAT, AS RESULT OF FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT IN INFORMAL MEETINGS ON PREAMBULAR PARAS 5 AND 7, G-77 HAD NOW DECIDED FIRMLY TO ADHERE TO THEM BOTH AS THEY STOOD. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT, IN VIEW OF G-77'S JUST HAVING REVISED OPERATIVE PARA 2 TO MEET VIEWS OF "GROUP B", LATTER COULD AGREE TO HAVE PREAMBLE AND OPERATIVE SECTIONS VOTED ON SEPARATELY, VOTING AS THEY FELT NECESSARY ON EACH BUT VOTING FOR RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. HE PRESSED GROUP B AND COUNTRIES TO STATE THEIR VIEWS.

7 UKDEL AND FRG INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT SUPPORT WHOLE OF PREAMBLE. ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF DEPT AS THEY STOOD JULY 30, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON G-77 TO RETREAT, USDEL STATED THAT, IF PREAMBULAR PARAS 5 AND 7 MAINTAINED IN THEIR CURRENT FORM, USDEL WOULD BE OBLIGED TO VOTE AGAINST THOSE PARAS OF PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. IT STATED THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN CONTINUING EFFORTS TO REACH CONSENSUS ON RESOLUTION, EMPHASIZING THAT IT FAVORED ITS OPERATIVE THRUST AND THAT DIFFICULT REFERENCES IN PREAMBULAR PARAS

5 AND 7 ARE QUITE UNNECESSARY TO PROPOER PURPOSES OF THE RESOLUTION.

8. AFTER SESSION, DE SEYNES SAID TO USDEL THAT IT WOULD BE A PITY IF USG VOTED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION, THE MORESO SINCE IT HAD ACHIEVED A GREAT DEAL IN HAVING THE RESOLUTION AMENDED TO MEET ITS VIEWS. INDEED, THE OPERATIVE PARAS WERE NOW ACCEPTABLE TO IT; WHY NOT THEN SIMPLY VOTE AGAINST THE PREAMBLE AND FOR THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE? WE REPLIED AS WE HAD TO REPRESENTATIVES OF G-77 IN INFORMAL TALKS EARLIER THAT STATEMENT OF PREAMBULAR PARA 5 THAT ACTIVITIES OF MNCS SHOULD BE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IS UNACCEPTABLE TO US BECAUSE PROVISIONS OF THAT ORDER ARE, E.G., IF USG VOTED FOR THIS TEXT, IT COULD LATER BE MAINTAINED BY AN LDC IN DISPUTE WITH A CONCESSIONNAIRE THAT THE USG HAD ENDORSED THE PROVISION OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION WHICH IS PART OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER THAT SUPPORTS THE REVISION OF PREVIOUSLY CONCLUDED INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS. THIS WAS HARDLY THE SORT OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY DEVELOPMENT WHICH THE USG WISHED TO UNDERTAKE INDICENTALLY IN A PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION, IF EVER IT SHOULD WISH TO DO SO AT ALL. THE G-77 WAS ENDEAVORING TO ENSNARE THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES INTO INFERENTIALLY SUBSCRIBING TO LDC POLICIES ON MNCS THROUGH THE DEVICE OF PREAMBULAR PARAS 5 AND 7. DE SEYNES AGREED THAT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE THAT THE OBJECTIONABLE REFERENCES IN PREAMBULAR PARAS 5 AND 7 SHOULD APPEAR IN THE RESOLUTION, BUT SAID THAT THEY DO. HE INDICATED HOPE THAT, IF USG DID FEEL OBLIGED TO VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE, IT WOULD REITERATE ITS SUPPORT OF ITS ESSENTIAL PROCEDURAL THRUST. DALE

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